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| <b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR<br/>DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b><br><b>(37 CFR 1.63)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing      OR <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)) required) | Attorney Docket Number   | AERX-029 (formerly 6513-070US1) |
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**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

EXCIMER LASER ABLATION PROCESS CONTROL OF MULTILAMINATE MATERIALS

the specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined by 37 CFR 1.56.

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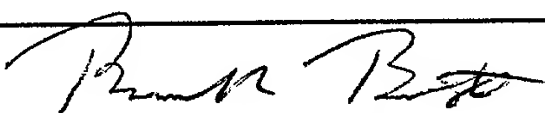
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